



Federal Employee of the Year Awards Ceremony

**June 20
UIC Forum**



Ceremony Program

Opening Music by the Great Lakes Navy Band

Welcoming Remarks

Naval Station Great Lakes Color Guard

National Anthem by Marco Santos

Armed Forces Medley by the Great Lakes Navy Band

Presentation of Scholarship

Acknowledgements and Announcement of Finalists

Moderator Bill Kurtis

Special Guest General Colin L. Powell, USA, Ret.

Presentation of Awards

Acknowledgements

Thank you for your support for the 2012 Award Ceremony

RADM James M. Galloway, MD, Chair, Chicago Federal Executive Board

Dr. Susan Hedman, Chair, Federal Employee of the Year Committee

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Host Agency of the 2012 Federal Employee of the Year Awards

Federal Employee of the Year Awards Planning Committee

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Federal Employee of the Year Awards

Nomination and Ticket Coordinators

Federal Employee of the Year Awards Panelists

Distinguished Judges

Naval Station Great Lakes Band and Marco Santos

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We apologize for any errors or omissions.

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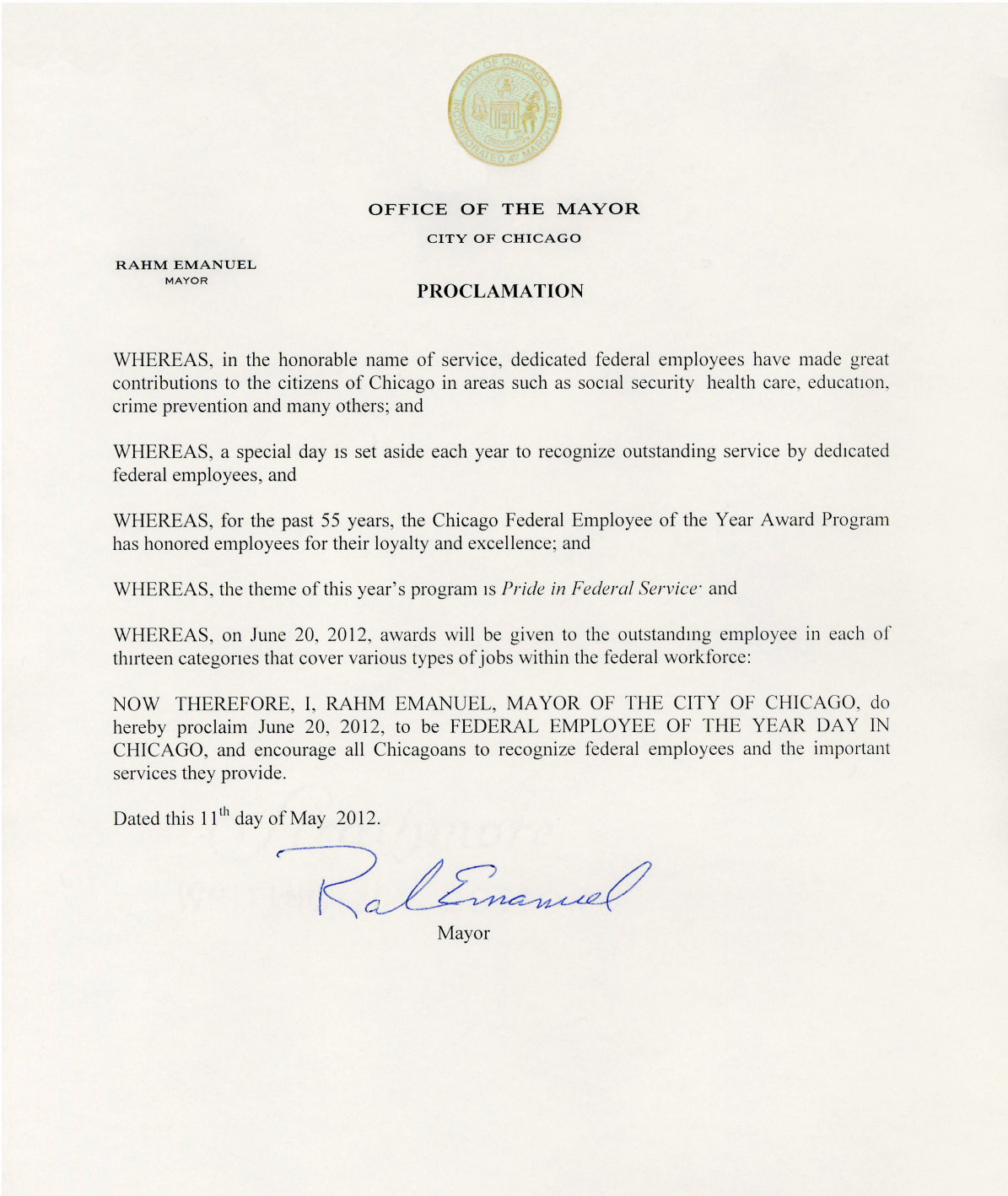
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Federal Employee of the Year Awards



WHEREAS, the hard work and dedication of public servants across the United States has been instrumental in making our nation strong and prosperous; and,

WHEREAS, a special day is set aside each year to recognize the outstanding service of dedicated federal employees; and,

WHEREAS, this year the 55th Annual Federal Employee of the Year Awards Luncheon will be held on June 20, 2012 at the UIC Forum. The theme for this year's ceremony is "Pride in Federal Service"; and,

WHEREAS, at this prestigious ceremony, the men and women who have dedicated themselves to providing superior service to the American public will be honored; and,

WHEREAS, awards will be given to an outstanding employee in each of eleven categories that cover various types of jobs within the federal workforce; and,

THEREFORE, I, Pat Quinn, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim June 20, 2012 as **FEDERAL EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR DAY** in Illinois, and encourage all citizens to join in honoring these hard working public servants, and to recognize the exceptional services they provide for our society.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.



Deese White
SECRETARY OF STATE

Done at the Capitol, in the City of Springfield,
this TWENTY-FIFTH day of MAY, in
the Year of Our Lord two thousand and
TWELVE, and of the State of Illinois
the one hundred and NINETY-FOURTH

Pat Quinn
GOVERNOR

Pride In Federal Service

Chicago Area Waterway System Recreational Uses and
Water Quality Standards Team
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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| Candice Bauer | Lee Phan |
| Jonathan Burian | Ed Dniak |
| Phillippa Cannon | Gary Prichard |
| Anita Chico | Anne Rowan |
| John Dorkin | Timothy Henry |
| Linda Holst | Tinka Hyde |
| Amy Mucha | Robert A. Kaplan |
| Jennifer Ostermeier | William Tansey |

WORKSITE WELLNESS CHAMPION
Category XII

Shreelekha Mohanty
Health Resource and Services Administration

AGENCY OF THE YEAR
Category XIII

Federal Emergency Management Agency
United States Department of Homeland Security

Federal Employee of the Year Awards

Office of Quality Performance Chicago IT Team
U.S. Social Security Administration

Dan Issen	John Galanek
Cristal Russell	Tom Pajkos

Division 3 Senior Claims Processing Specialist Team
U.S. Social Security Administration

Robert Albers	Vanessa Martin
Maryanne Loftus	Brigitte Jefferson

Chicago Midway International Airport Color
and Honor Guard
Transportation Security Administration

Lorelei Ennis Vazquez	Carolyn Toliver
Brian Daufenbach	Romeo Gangoso, Jr.
Sherman Bloomingberg	Akachart Anantachai

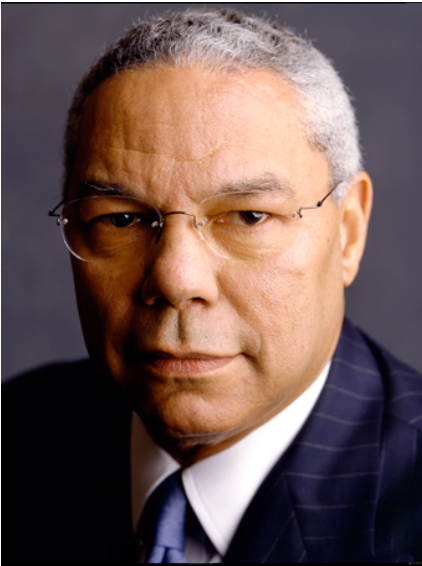
Office of Grants Management Grants Closeout Workgroup
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Terry Davis	Eric Staples
Eric Hau	Deneen Taylor
Jason Rasmussen	Kathie Gray

Pride In Federal Service

Special Guest

General Colin L. Powell, USA, Ret.



Colin Powell is a retired four-star general in the United States Army. He was the 65th United States Secretary of State, serving under President George W. Bush from 2001 to 2005. He was the first African American to serve in that position. During his military career, Powell also served as National Security Advisor, Commander of the U.S. Armed Forces Command, and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, holding the latter position during the Gulf War. General Powell served in four presidential administrations. He now travels the globe sharing his life story. After gleaning life lessons from his immigrant-family upbringing in the Bronx, training in the ROTC, and service as an Army officer and every other position he’s held, he’s written a new book, *It Worked for Me: In Life and Leadership*. In it, Powell shares his 13 rules – a guide to being truly successful and appreciative of life experiences.

Moderator

Bill Kurtis



Bill Kurtis is not only a well known journalist and network news anchor located here in Chicago, but he’s also a rancher, radio station owner, art gallery owner, small businessman, supporter of small town America and active conservationist. He’s the recipient of numerous humanitarian, journalism, and broadcasting awards. He is also a published author, and a member of the board of directors of several distinguished organizations including the National Park Foundation, Chicago Green City Market, Chicago Botanic Garden and the Field Museum in Chicago.

Message from the Chicago Federal Executive Board



RADM James M. Galloway, M.D.
Chair, Chicago Federal Executive Board

It is my privilege to welcome you to the Chicago Executive Board’s Employee of the Year Awards Ceremony.

This is our opportunity to recognize all Federal employees who go the extra mile. The men and women here today have dedicated their professional careers to serving people, modeling ways of doing what is right and good, and not necessarily expecting fanfare in return.

Our Federal workforce continues to evolve, and this year’s event reflects that growth. The genius in this room is humble. It seeks to serve, not to receive. Yet, we must honor those who lead. It is through their efforts

that public service becomes more than a career. It is a calling. And, as we will soon see, genius becomes a way of life. That path is available to all of us.

Congratulations to this year’s Federal Employee of the Year nominees and award winners.

RADM James M. Galloway
Regional Health Administrator
Office of Public Health and Science
U. S. Department of Health and Human Services, Region V

HR Workforce/Organizational Management Team
U.S. Railroad Retirement Board

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| Meghan Benande | Donna Storey |
| Susan Chin | David Sumpter |
| Denise Erickson | Melissa Welch |
| April Scott | Regina Block |

The Retirement Benefits Division Realignment Team
U.S. Railroad Retirement Board

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| Letitia Carthans | Luis Maldonado |
| Daniel Delwiche | Irene Miller |
| Stephanie Fraction | Emma Morales |
| Frank Hutchinson | Doris Porter |
| Joy Kalligeros | Charlotte Williams |
| Walter Kuhlmeier | |

Chicago Disability Reviews Efficiencies Team
U.S. Social Security Administration

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| Jason Hamilton | Bradley Swenson |
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Budget Team
U.S. Railroad Retirement Board

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| Judith Jendrzewski | Georgia Blalock | Casey Hulliberger |
| Andrew Kent | | Dawn Primous |

Federal Employee of the Year Awards

Operation Santa
U.S. Postal Service

Robin E. Anderson	Rochelle Medcalf
Leon Chambers	Sharon Norwood
Sireena Courts-Woodard	Cicely Penny
Archie Culbertson	Mark Reynolds
Bradley Dean	Dorothy Rogers
Virginia Dellahoussaye	Johnny Sanabria
Gerald Gaskew	Beverly Shiner
Debra Gipson	Patricia Sled-Pinkett
Tineecia Graves	Paulla Williams
Carlos Guzman	Stania Williams

Employer Reporting System Team
U.S. Railroad Retirement Board

Michelle Andrey	Pearlie Hudson
Annie Banks	Patrick Keenan
Jonathan Baumgarten	Howard Klopp
Nathaniel Coleman	Kavita Mutum
Laretta Earls	Kimberly Price-Butler
Cilla Esiri-Olowopopo	Rebecca Streed
Shawn Good	Michael Wietecha
Timothy Hogueisson	Maxine Williams

Pride In Federal Service

Message from the Federal Employee of the Year
Awards Committee



Dr. Susan Hedman
Chair, Federal Employee of the Year Committee

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the 2012 Annual Federal Employee of the Year Awards Ceremony. Today, we honor exceptional people who are doing tremendous things. We also celebrate the many ways in which we all better the lives of our fellow citizens.

This event honors those who strive for excellence. Every employee here today entered Federal service to make a difference in the lives of the people in our communities.

We will celebrate those who, through hard work and talent, created new solutions, developed innovative techniques, or reached out to those in need. We will also honor a Federal agency that has become an outstanding example of government service,

demonstrating how the workforce can shine when it is united in a common goal.

This Annual Federal Employee of the Year Awards Ceremony is our way of sharing these exceptional accomplishments with the entire Federal community. Those who make leadership and service a focus of their daily lives represent all of us who believe America is made stronger by our commitment to our fellow citizens. Your hard work and dedication is valued, commended, and we hope will be emulated throughout the Federal work force.

Not only do today’s nominees deserve special recognition, but all Federal employees are to be commended on the great work they do day in and day out. To our friends and family here today, the public servants in your life deserve thanks throughout the year and we invite you to continue honoring them for the work they do each and every day.

Congratulations to each of the nominees. Your achievements model the highest level of public service.

Dr. Susan Hedman
Regional Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region V

Public Service Scholarship

The Chicago Federal Executive Board Public Service Scholarship Program is administered in partnership with the Department of Public Administration of the University of Illinois at Chicago.

The scholarship is awarded to graduate students interested in developing their skills for public service.

The faculty members of the UIC Public Administration program nominate candidates for the FEB Public Service Scholarship on the basis of academic excellence in public administration, and commitment to public service.

The UIC Public Administration program awards the Master’s Degree of Public Administration, and the PhD in Public Administration. It is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration, and was recently ranked third nationally in recognition of faculty productivity and scholarship.

Scholarship Winner

Mark Swenson

Mark is a student at the University of Illinois at Chicago studying Public Affairs who has maintained a perfect 4.0 GPA during his entire undergraduate and graduate studies. He is a former Senior Military Science Instructor in the ROTC program at Indiana Wesleyan University and currently serves as the aerial delivery officer for the 108th Sustainment Brigade for the Illinois National Guard, based in Chicago. Mark has served for more than 13 years in the U.S. Army, including tours in Haiti, Kosovo, and Afghanistan. Mark is an outstanding choice as this year’s recipient of the Chicago Federal Executive Board’s Public Service Scholarship Award.

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Midwest
Management Services Team

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Midwest

Paul Kokosz	Patricia Litewski	Jessy Walker
	Tami Lindquist	

Naval Station Great Lakes Centennial Team

Naval Station Great Lakes

John Drue	Elisabeth Weaver	Dan Kondziela
John Sheppard	Jerry Rodberg	Jeff Makino
David Mims	Christine Mohr	Megan Stadlman

Automation of State Wage Match Investigations Team

U.S. Railroad Retirement Board

Heather Blair	Shanta Petry
Raymond Boyd	Edward Roberts
Matthew Carlyle	Mattie Rucker
Geri Dorsen	Ralph Schiller
John Franger	Claudio Trento
Aparna Kolla	Frank Wach
Bernadine McNeal	Nadine Youngs

Fall Aggregate Team

Jesse Brown VA Medical Center

Tony Noska, RN	Nick Lococo, KT
Claire Gangware, RN	Mary Golas, RN, Chair
Susan Ottenfeld, RN	Janice Makela, MD, Co-Chair
Patricia Boylan, RN	Jaclyn Ng, PharmD
Velma Barker-Hill, RN	Rhodora Gonzales, RN
Bonita Byndum-Jackson, RN	

Intervention Tool to Minimize Antimicrobial Administration
Delays and Omissions

Jesse Brown VA Medical Center

Richard Rooney, PharmD	Thani Misra, PharmD
Isabel Sanvanson, PharmD	Lisa Young, PharmD
Agnes Therady, RN	Alison Wong, PharmD

Research and Development Accreditation Team

Jesse Brown VA Medical Center

Salar Khan, Team Leader	Doreene Wierzgacz
Karen Lenehan	Julie Fabre
Carol Lane-Adams	Michael Meltzer

The Selection Process

Each January, the Federal Employee of the Year Committee asks agencies to create and submit nominations for their “best and brightest” from the previous year. Agencies designate nomination coordinators for this task. We thank these hard-working employees, who not only speak to their peers and solicit nominations, but ensure all the requirements are met before any nomination is forwarded. They, along with the individual nomination writers, are the first steps in ensuring recognition for the employees here today.

Award nominations are then vetted by a selected pool of panelists, representing a variety of Federal agencies. It’s important to note a panelist never reads a nomination from his or her agency, nor does that panelist know who from his or her own agency has been nominated. Panelists do not confer with each other. Instead, these volunteers carefully and independently review each nomination on its own merits, following a standard set of guidelines and rating system. Results are averaged, and the top finalists in each category are forwarded to the judges.

Each judge then carefully reviews the top nominations, and again, independently chooses a winner for each category. Each of our panelists and judges faced a formidable task because all nominees and finalists are exceptional representatives of their agencies and their professions. Compelling, heart-felt nominations told moving stories of excellence, professionalism, sacrifice, and dedication.

Coordinating these activities are members of the Federal Employee of the Year Award Committee who, with the support of their host agency, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, put in many long hours planning this event. The Federal Employee of the Year Awards Ceremony is primarily self-supporting through ticket sales.

The Chicago Federal Executive Board gratefully acknowledges each nominator, coordinator, panelist, and judge for taking the time to create these nominations, submit them, review them, and make the final selection. The FEB thanks the host agency and committee members for their many efforts in making this day possible. Their work honors all of the dedicated and committed Federal employees present here today.

The Judges



Ann Sylvester-Hickey

Ann Sylvester-Hickey is the Director of Program Development for the City of Chicago’s Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events, an office that produces city-wide festivals to millions of residents and tourists. Ann received her B.S. in Marketing from Miami University and her M.S. in Integrated Marketing Communications from Northwestern University’s Medill School of Journalism.

As the Director of Program Development, she is responsible for the research, development, and implementation for new City of Chicago festivals and events. Ms. Sylvester-Hickey created Chicago’s first winter festival, Snow Days Chicago, and coordinated Chicago’s first ever dinner honoring the President of the Republic of China, Hu Jintao.

As a Public Relations Specialist, she created and executed marketing promotions and public relations efforts for citywide events including Chicago Jazz Festival, Tall Ships Chicago, Chicago Gospel Music Festival, and Taste of Chicago, implementing a marketing campaign for its 25th anniversary. She also initiated a branding campaign for the Mayor’s Office of Special Events, developing a new logo, online awareness, and a newsletter.



Mary Frances Bragiel

Mary Frances Bragiel is currently an Anchor at WLS-AM 890 in Chicago. A native of Arlington Heights, Illinois, Ms. Bragiel has been a working journalist for nearly twenty years covering the most basic stories to national stories such as the Rod Blagojevich downfall, to the Drew Peterson murder investigation to subsequent trial.

In addition, she is a contributor to Today’s Chicago Woman magazine profiling a number of high accomplished women such as Susan Sher, Michelle Obama’s former chief of staff, Mary Dempsey, former Chicago Library Commissioner, and MaryAnne Smith, founder of the Lovie and MaryAnne Smith Foundation (LAMAS). Ms. Bragiel began her career in journalism at KREX-TV in Grand Junction, Colorado. From there, she moved to WSLS-TV in Roanoke, Virginia, CLTV News in Chicago, WBBM-AM 780, and currently at WLS-AM 890.

Ms. Bragiel serves on the Women’s Board of Misericordia Heart of Mercy Home in Chicago, alumni board of Woodlands Academy of the

Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement Support Team
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Jamie Schardt

John Haugland

Outpatient Pharmacy Clinical Interventions in a
Veteran Population
Jesse Brown VA Medical Center

Gwenn Rosen, RPh

Glen Ezaki, RPh

Nisha Mehta, PharmD

Ali Amir, PharmD

Raffat Bano, RPh

Chad Brody, PharmD

Sekou Cherif, RPh

Bridgette Curran, PharmD

Daniel Jung, RPh

Kevin Kolman, PharmD

Camille Lee, RPh

Lena Leung, PharmD

Cho Moon, RPh

Sadika Rashid-Langston, RPh

Jane Symon, RPh

Choi Tse, RPh

Shirley Wang, PharmD

Anthony Wong, PharmD

Federal Employee of the Year Awards

FEMA Grants Management Team
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Arthur Tuscher	Victoria Hanson
Cheryl Baldwin	Lori Smith
Donald Mobley	Deborah Wagner
Alexander Contreras	William Ryan
Jacob Rauen	Iris Andrade
Sheila Clark	James Opoka

FEMA Technological Hazards Branch
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Darren Bates	Dan Kanakaris
Carl Bebrich	Delwyn Kinsle
Chris Bellone	Mark Ludeking
Clint Crackel	Gary Naskrent
Don Daniel	Rosie Nettles-Bey
Edward Diaz	David Ortman
Deborah Fulk	Karl Rabenhorst
Todd Genskie	Kara Scott
Edward Golinski	John Simpson
James King	Carolyn Sturghill
William King	Stephen Tulley

Pride In Federal Service

Sacred Heart in Lake Forest and participates in several other Chicago based charities. She is a graduate of George Washington University in Washington, D.C. Mary Frances Bragiel is a current resident of Chicago.



Pamela Munizzi

Pamela Munizzi is a former Illinois State Senator and State Representative who has worked in government for more than 30 years. She held various executive and administrative positions at the city, county, and state levels. Ms. Munizzi holds a Master’s degree in Public Administration.

Ms. Munizzi most recently served as the Deputy Chief of Staff for the Cook County Board of Commissioners, Office of the President. There, she facilitated and coordinated the Cook County Presidential agenda. She was also a Special Assistant to the County President, acting as a liaison for external affairs and community issues to the Forest Preserve District of Cook County.

She is currently the president of the Park Employees’ Annuity and Benefit Fund. Ms. Munizzi is the past president of Special Olympics Chicago and had served on several committees and nonprofit organizations, such as Keep Chicago Beautiful.



Jonathan McCabe

Jonathan McCabe is the General Manager and Chief Operating Officer of the Union League Club of Chicago. Mr. McCabe is a former Officer in the United States Army and was awarded the Army Commendation Medal for his service. He currently serves on the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of USO of Illinois. He also serves as a Trustee and former Chair of the West Suburban Mass Transit District. Previously, he served on the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of Chicago Sister Cities.

Mr. McCabe was named the Hotelier of the Year in 2010 by the Illinois Hotel and Lodging Association. He was named Club Manager of the year by Club Management Magazine in 2003. In May of 2010, Mr. McCabe accompanied 10 wounded warriors back to Iraq in Operation Proper Exit. He has been married to his college sweetheart for more than 40 years they have two grown children and four grandchildren.

Federal Employee of the Year Awards



Karen Vaughan

Karen Vaughan is the Director of Communications for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County. She is responsible for overseeing all communications efforts for the District, including media relations, marketing, graphics, and social media initiatives.

Prior to holding this position, she was the Director of Public Affairs for the City of Chicago’s Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events. While working for the City of Chicago, she led the team responsible for promoting the City’s major annual free events including lakefront festivals, concerts, and events in Millennium Park and the Chicago Cultural Center, and many others. From 2007 to 2009, she was the Communications Director for the Chicago Office of Tourism, spearheading the team responsible for promoting Chicago as a premiere leisure travel destination to regional, national, and international media outlets.

Karen was the first-ever Communications Manager for Millennium Park from its opening in 2004, serving through 2007. There, Ms. Vaughan managed all public relations and marketing functions for the park, and the dozens of concerts and events held there each year. A lifelong Chicagoan, Karen graduated from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign with a Bachelor of Arts in Advertising and Political Science. She received her Master of Arts in Communications from DePaul University.



Joyce Kagan Charmatz

Joyce Kagan Charmatz is the founder and President of Keep Chicago Beautiful and Keep Illinois Beautiful. She also worked as a Public Relations Coordinator for U.S. Congressman Ted Weiss of New York City, Program Director for Chicago Jewish Vocational Services, a teacher and an administrator for the New York City Board of Education, and a lecturer at Purdue University.

Joyce is an accomplished public speaker and frequently speaks at engagements. She has been presented with various prestigious honors such as: Outstanding Contributions to the City of Chicago Award; the Government Advocacy Award, Outstanding Service Award, Mayor’s Commission on Women’s Affairs; as well as Woman of the Year Award, Business and Professional Women.

Pride In Federal Service

The Cochlear Implant Team, Hines VA Hospital
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

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| Prashanth Bala | Dr. Christine Ulinski, Au. D. |
| Dr. Barry Klor | Barbara Miller, RN, BSN |
| Dr. Sam Marzo | Joseph Dombkowski, RN |
| Dr. Carol Bier-Laning | Anne Fitzgerald, RN |
| Dr. Kamil Muzaffar | Kathleen Kirby |
| Chester Slonina, M&N, MHA, RN-BC | Anthony Crawford |
| Dr. Vicenza Damico | Boretta Hasegawa |
| Dr. Stacey Sturgulewski, Au. D. | Kelly Stapleton |

The Behavior Detection Officer Lifesavers
DHS / Transportation Security Administration

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| Brian Daufenbach | Loreal Carr | Jerome Ferba |
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East Saint Louis Transition Team
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

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| Ray E. Willis | Maureen F. Thurman | Janet Elson |
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Federal Employee of the Year Awards

133-4th Floor Medical/Surgical Unit
Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center

Lucien Guinguing	Nancy Bautista
Desiree Lewis	Ray Arceo
Myrna Handley	

Hines VA Hospital, Patient Aligned Care Team, D Teamlet
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Ann Sproat, PA	Harish Bhatia, MD
Gail Robinson, RN	Promila Williamson, RN
Dany Hightower, LPN	Julene Epps, LPN
Donald Thomas	LaTonya Yates
Kaniz Bhuiyan, MD	Jeanne Moulton, RN-CCHT
Thomas Falls, MD	Sarah Adam, LCSW
Estrella Calubaquib, RN	Nicole Archer, LCSW
Frances Bickem, LPN	Frank Svete, Pharm-D
Sam Barhoumeh	Kitty Thomas, MSN, RN
Monica Moigradan, MD	

Hines VA Hospital CHEF
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Dana Strohmaier, RD	Amy Taetzsch, RD, CPT
Ashley Bergmann, RD, CPT	Jessica Walls, RD, CPT
Riesa Rarick, MS, RD, CPT	

Pride In Federal Service

Joyce maintains many professional and community association memberships. She earned her CAE from the American Society of Association Executives. She has a Master of Science in Education from the City University of New York. Ms. Kagan also has a Bachelor of Science in Political Science from the State University of New York and studied International Studies at the University of Geneva in Switzerland.



Roosevelt Allen III

Roosevelt Allen is the owner and a practicing attorney at the Allen Firm, a Chicago based law firm. Mr. Allen is extremely passionate about justice and helping the less fortunate and has dedicated his career to assisting those in need of his services.

Roosevelt Allen received his B.A. from Delaware State University and his law degree from the University of Wisconsin Law School. He has also served as a State trooper in the Delaware State Police.

Following law school, Roosevelt worked in New York City and Washington, D.C. before opening his own law office in Milwaukee, Wisconsin where his practice focused on criminal and civil litigation.

In 2009, Roosevelt opened his practice in Chicago where he continues to concentrate on personal injury, wrongful death, police brutality, medical malpractice, and other areas of civil and criminal litigation. He is licensed in Illinois, Wisconsin, and New York, and is admitted to practice before state and federal courts. He has extensive trial experience representing both plaintiffs and defendants. He is a member of the American Bar Association.

As a testament to his knowledge and skills, Roosevelt continues to have an ongoing relationship with a number of large law firms in the Chicago and Milwaukee Metropolitan areas. As legal counsel to these firms, he shares in the litigation and legal expertise on high-profile cases.

Federal Employee of the Year Awards

Stefanie Coleman

Stefanie Coleman has been an educator for the past 18 years. She taught at the primary, secondary, and higher education levels. Stefanie’s education responsibilities range from teaching assistant, language arts teacher, student advisor, head cheerleading coach, and director of career services to her current position as Dean for Career Development with Robert Morris University.

In her current role, Stefanie is responsible for the career management training curriculum, which provides students with the most current hiring trends as well as personal and professional branding development. Ms. Coleman also oversees the day to day operation of the career services department which promotes job fairs, employer partnerships, employer guest lecturers, internships, and practice interviewing.

Stefanie is very active at Victory Apostolic Church in Matteson, Illinois, where she is a member of H.Y.P.E (Helping Young People Excel), which promotes education excellence; Stefanie also provides college consulting services to many low income first generation families.

Stefanie is entering into her second year of doctoral studies with Cardinal Stritch University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She has a Master of Public Administration degree from Governors State University and a Bachelor of Arts in English from the University of Illinois Chicago.



Pride In Federal Service

OUTSTANDING TEAM
Category X

Central Supply Services Team
Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center

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| LTJG David R. Lester | Robert Teegarden |
| Leonel Blanco | Kimberly Ducre |
| Graham Gardner | L82 Arrion Williams |
| Ricky Kirkland | L83 Joe Sauls |
| Donald Bartley | James Honigmann |
| L82 Crystal McCrady | L83 Kevin Scholler |
| Charles Mims | L82 Bonifacio Suson |
| Nancy Heth | Kurt Ketavong |
| Ronald Lackey | Hector Otero |
| Lionel Baker | Michael Massey |
| SH2 Derrick Butler | |

ARRA Renewable Energy Rooftop Solar Array and
Research Lab Team
U.S. General Services Administration

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| Shanta Maldonado | Katie Brazeau |
| Anthony Janairo | Vanessa Zahora |
| Bob Collins | Maritza Johnson |
| Todd Reeder | |

OUTSTANDING PUBLIC CONTACT EMPLOYEE
Category IX - continued

Mary Hall-Dumphrey
U.S. Social Security Administration

Kathryn Hatten
U.S. Social Security Administration

Alexis J. Hyatt
U.S. Social Security Administration

Kathleen McDonald
U.S. Social Security Administration

Vickie McGee
U.S. Social Security Administration

Lucius Shaw
U.S. Social Security Administration

Antonia V. Tobias
U.S. Social Security Administration

David Walters
U.S. Social Security Administration

Megan Gavin
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Daniel Aguirre
U.S. Census Bureau

Susan Fick
U.S. Census Bureau

Nominations

OUTSTANDING PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEE
Category I

Jennifer M. Hirsh
Captain James A. Lovell Federal
Health Care Center

Paul Fedirka, Ph.D.
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Sofaia Kreider
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Philip J. Chiaramonte
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Paul B. Ellin
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Margaret Elgersma
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Barbara S. Cook
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

David D. Lindsey
Naval Facilities Engineering Command Midwest

Judith Ann Honold
Naval Facilities Engineering Command Midwest

Daniel M. Coburn
Naval Facilities Engineering Command Midwest

Karen Popovic
Captain James A. Lovell Federal
Health Care Center

Alexis Chan
Captain James A. Lovell Federal
Health Care Center

Dan Cussick
Transportation Security Administration

Sandra Cech, RN
Captain James A. Lovell Federal
Health Care Center

Bruno Dacanay
U.S. Railroad Retirement Board

Steven Gorski
U.S. Railroad Retirement Board

George S. Chartouni
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

David M. Wethington
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

John Payne
U.S. Postal Service

Editha Natividad
U.S. Railroad Retirement Board

Steven Delich
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

Susan Myler
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

James Lynch
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